Friends & Fellow Countrymen

my Knowledge of your Zeal and Affection for your Country, & your animated Resolution to defend every thing dear & valuable to Men, induces me at this ~~Time~~ Period, when all is lost, without vigorous Exertions of the Power & Strength of this State, to call on you without Delay to step forth into the Field, under Confidence in God of the uprightness of your Cause, which will insure Victory over Enemies glorying in every Act of Outrage & Impiety, & debauching your Wives & Daughters in the Face of the Sun as if they were cursed of the Lord. The ravished Maiden, the insulted Parent, the buffeted hoary Head whose feeble Arm cannot assist the Forging; nay their God & your God call on you to drive from this once happy Land, those bold & impious Invaders of your Race ——

Our worthy Countryman General Mifflin, at the Request of Congress goes to Lancaster on Saturday, to assist you in forming such Measures, as to enable you to exert your whole Strength at this

Time, therefore let as many of ~~you~~ the Officers & Privates of every Battalion as conveniently can, & be useful, appear there on that Day, & in the mean Time inform the whole Battalions of the Business, that they may be enabled immediately to execute, whatever may be determined on in that meeting —

I am with much Esteem
Yr. Friend & Servt.

Geo. Ross

To
Col. James Burd
& the Officers & Privates
of his Battalion

(Circular)

Reading 18th. Decemr. 1776

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